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Senator Hood,

I am writing to you today in support of SB200-201. As a person who has been officiating youth soccer with the AYSO for the last ten years of my life I believe strongly in this piece of legislation. Over the last decade of my officiating career I myself have been assaulted on a few occasions while performing my duties. I would like to share one of those experiences with you. In 2007 I was sixteen years old and while officiating an under 8s soccer match and I was punched by a member of the coaching staff because he disagreed with some of my decisions during the course of the match. If this happened to me, how many others has it happened to? How many other referees, umpires, linesmen need to be assaulted for doing their jobs? I urge you to do the right thing by getting this legislation passed. It's already the law in many other states. Make the great state of Michigan safe for sports officials too, because without them, sporting events wouldn't be possible.

Regards,

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Dear Senator Hood,

I would like to express my support of wanting the MI Senate Judiciary Committee to recommend that legislation for senate bill 200 & 201 go to a floor vote. I am a certified soccer referee assignor and the well-being of our officials is of the utmost importance to me.

Sincerely,
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